



January 14, 2016

Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator
Region IX, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
75 Hawthorne Street #11
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Dear Regional Administrator Blumenfeld:

The Granite Bay Flycasters, a club of over 200 members, urges the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to initiate proceedings to develop and adopt new water quality standards for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary.

The State of California has not substantively or comprehensively updated the current water quality standards for the Bay-Delta estuary since 1995. The California State Water Resources Control Board initiated its current review of the standards in 2009, but six years later has yet to adopt any amendments to the WQCP. Instead of adopting new protections the Board relaxed standards over the last two years. Recently, the Board revised its schedule for completing the WQCP update to mid-2018.

The Board is required under federal and state law to review the WQCP every three years. Given the existence of an extensive record on which to base action and the State of California's failure to use that information to take action, we are writing to urge US EPA to initiate the process of adopting more protective new standards with an end-date of final action within two years.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mel Odemar".

Mel Odemar
VP Conservation
Granite Bay Flycasters

cc. Felicia Marcus, Chair
California State Water Resources Control Board



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